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SUBJECT: MODE - JUSTICE/INS PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER POSITIONS
FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL

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1. JUSTICE/IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS)
PROPOSES TO CLOSE ITS TOKYO SUBOFFICE AND TRANSFER THE
TWO AMERICAN AND TWO FOREIGN NATIONAL POSITIONS PRESENTLY
LOCATED IN TOKYO TO SEOUL, KOREA.

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2. INS JUSTIFICATION FOR THE TRANSFER STRESSES THE LOW
VOLUME OF WORK PROCESSED AT TOKYO COMPARED TO SEOUL. AN
ON-SITE REVIEW BY INS HONG KONG DISTRICT DIRECTOR, WHICH
INCLUDED AN ANALYSIS OF WORKLOAD STATISTICS FROM THE TOKYO
SUBOFFICE AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SEOUL, REVEALED THAT
THE BULK OF THE WORK PROCESSED IS ACCOMPLISHED AT SEOUL.
FOR EXAMPLE, DURING FY 1977, 28,176 IMMIGRANT VISAS WERE

ISSUED IN SEOUL COMPARED TO LESS THAN 3,500 ISSUED IN JAPAN. WORK RECEIVED AND PROCESSED IN TOKYO DOES NOT MERIT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF INS PERSONNEL. WITH THE TRANSFER OF THE FOUR POSITIONS, THE TOKYO WORKLOAD COULD BE ABSORBED BY THE PROPOSED OFFICE AT SEOUL.

2. JUSTICE LETTER STATES THAT INS OFFICIALS HAVE CONFERRED WITH THE DCM AND CONSUL GENERAL AT TOKYO, AND WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AT SEOUL, NONE OF WHOM OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED TRANSFER. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS CHANGE, IF APPROVED, WOULD REDUCE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED MODE LEVEL IN JAPAN TO NINE AMERICANS AND ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL (DEA - 5 AMERICANS, 1 FOREIGN NATIONAL; FBI 4 AMERICANS). IN KOREA, APPROVAL OF CHANGE WOULD BRING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED MODE LEVEL TO FIVE AMERICANS, TWO FOREIGN NATIONALS (DEA 3 US, INS 2 US, 2 FN).

3. IF INS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH COMS, CONSIDER IT APPROVED. PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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